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RELATIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS (RSIO)-LIBERATION MOVE-
MENTS

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1. ARAB STATES ARE NOW CIRCULATING TWO VARIATIONS OF "MEMORANDUM"
WHICH WOULD EXPRESS VIEW THAT NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS
SHOULD BE INCLUDED AND COVERED MUTANDUS MUTANDI IN CONVENTION.

2. EGYPTIAN DEL OSMAN KHALIL APPEARS TO BE TAKING LEAD IN
MANAGING CIRCULATION OF MEMORANDUM. ARAB DELS ARE SEEKING SIGNA-
TURES TO DOCUMENT TO SUBMIT TO CONFERENCE. SPONSORS OF THIS MEM-
ORANDUM APPARENTLY SEEK TO INCREASE STATUS OF NATIONAL LIBERATION
MOVEMENTS AND PLO IN PARTICULAR. IF MEMORANDUM IS TO BE SUBMITTED
TO CONFERENCE FORMALLY, SPONSORS MAY THEN ATTEMPT TO INTRODUCE
NEW ARTICLE ALONG LINES OF MEMORANDUM OR ELSE REOPEN CONSIDERATION
OF ARTICLE 5.

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3. IN WEO MEETING FEB. 13, UK, CANADA AND US DELS SPOKE OUT AGAINST

THIS INITIATIVE FOR VARIOUS REASONS INCLUDING ARGUMENT THAT CONFERENCE DOES NOT HAVE SUCH A MANDATE, ILC HAS NOT STUDIED QUESTION, VARIOUS POLITICAL GROUNDS, ETC. DUTCH DEL WARNED WEO GROUP THAT HER GOVERNMENT DID NOT RPT NOT OBJECT IN PRINCIPLE TO GIVING LIBERATION MOVEMENTS LIMITED PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES AS REQUIRED BY THEM. SHE DID ADMIT THAT ADOPTION OF ARAB GROUP PROPOSAL IF INCORPORATED IN TEXT WOULD GIVE RISE TO PRACTICAL PROBLEMS. FINNISH DEL SAID HE HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS BUT HIS GOVERNMENT FAVORED "UNIVERSALITY". JAPANESE AND TURKISH DELS ANNOUNCED THAT THEY HAD BEEN ASKED TO SIGN MEMORANDUM AND HAD REQUESTED INSTRUCTIONS.

4. WE DO NOT KNOW WHEHTER ARAB SPONSORS WILL FOLLOW UP ON THIS INITIATIVE. WE HAVE LEARNED INFORMALLY FROM ARAB DELS THAT THEY ARE STILL SEEKING AFRICAN SUPPORT AND WANT STRONG MAJORITY OF SIGNATURES BEFORE PRESENTATION TO CONFERENCE. LEBANESE DEL (HADDAD) TOLD MEMBER US DEL THAT ARAB STATES ASSUMED US OPPOSITION TO EXTENSION OF PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES TO PERMANENT OBSERVER MISSIONS WAS ESSENTIALLY DIRECTED AGAINST PLO. US DEL DISCLAIMED THIS CONCLUSION.

5. TEXTS FOLLOW SEPTTEL. HUMES

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